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SUBJ: CENTRAL AMERICAN TRADING & MANUFACTURAS INTERNACIONALES

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED NOVEMBER 14 CONCERNING CENTRAL AMERICAN TRADING DE EL SALVADOR, S.A. AND MANUFACTURAS INTERNACIONALES DE EL SALVADOR, S.A., SALVADORAN SUBSID- IARIES OF ARPEJA-CALIFORNIA INC., WE HAVE CONTACTED VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR MINISTRIES AND BEEN CONTACTED BY YOUR EX-AUDITORS LOPEZ AND VEGA AND ADVISE THE FOLLOWING:

2. THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE LOCALLY OF ANY ATTEMPT BY ARPEJA OR REPRESENTATIVE OF EITHER LOCAL FIRM TO REMOVE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FROM THE COUNTRY; NEITHER HAS AN EMBARGO BEEN PLACED ON THE ASSETS. THE KEYS TO THE PLANTS ARE HELD BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE, REPORTEDLY THE RESULT OF ACTION BY THE LOCAL PRODUC- TION MANAGER KOCH. SALVADORAN LAW REQUIRES PAYMENT OF SEVERANCE BENEFITS WHEN WORKERS ARE DISMISSED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT REPRE- SENTATIVE UNION, WHICH HAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY THE CESSATION OF PLANTS' ACTIVITIES, IS PREPARED TO SEEK LEGAL ATTACHMENT OF PHYSICAL ASSETS OF PLANTS TO SATISFY FIRMS' LABOR OBLIGATIONS. IT APPEARS THERE IS NO LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF EITHER FIRM PRESENT IN COUNTRY. STRONGLY RECOMMEND PRESENCE HERE OF LEGAL OWNER OF ASSETS WHO WITH LOCAL ATTORNEY CAN ATTEND TO FOREGOING ISSUES. UNDER- STAND LOPEZ AND VEGA HAVE RECOMMENDED ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS ON THIS EMBASSY'S LIST. CLYDE D TAYLOR, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER. US EMBASSY.

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